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SENATOR JAVITS REFUSES COMMENT ON CIA BRIEFING

GUEST: Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.)
PANEL: Frank Lynn, New York World Telegram & Sun.
Marvin Sleeper, New York Journal-American.
Dallas Townsend CBS.

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SLEEPER: "There have been reports that in the past week or so you have been briefed twice by the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, bringing you up to date on exactly what is happening as far as the release of the prisoners in Cuba. Is that so?"

JAVITS: "Well, Marvin, I have no comment upon that report. I must leave the statement as your own. I will only say that I have made every effort to keep myself closely and very currently informed as to anything that's taking place with respect to the Cuban situation, of which the release of the prisoners is very much a part."

SLEEPER: "Well, do you deny that you were briefed by them?"

JAVITS: "I make no comment whatever."

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LYNN: "Senator, why can't you comment on the CIA--reported CIA briefing?"

JAVITS: "Well, I was trained a little bit in the Army in intelligence, too. If I told you why I can't comment, I would be commenting."

LYNN: "Well, is there..."

JAVITS: "So I must content myself, Frank, with saying I have no comment upon that report."

LYNN: "Well, would the Kennedy administration want to divorce--is it a case of the Kennedy administration wanting to divorce itself from these negotiations?"

JAVITS: "I'm sorry, Frank, I can't contribute to your store of knowledge on that score. You can know anything in the world about me, but that's all."